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SUBJECT: IVORY COAST AGRICULTURE MINISTER VISITS BRAZIL

1. IVORY COAST MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE DENIS BRA KANNON
PAID A SHORT VISIT TO BRAZIL IN LATE JANUARY 1978. THE VISIT
WAS LOW-KEY AND RECEIVED LITTLE PRESS COVERAGE.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ARTICLES, BRA KANNON DISCUSSED CO-
OPERATION WITH BRAZIL FOR THE DEFENSE OF INTERNATIONAL COFFEE
AND COCOA PRICES WITH GOB MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COM-
MERCE CALMON DE SA AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE PAULINELLI.
BRA KANNON INDICATED THAT AN IVORIAN MISSION WOULD VISIT
BRAZIL AT AN UNSPECIFIED LATER DATE TO FURTHER DISCUSS
THIS COOPERATION. GOB FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACT TOLD
EMBOFF, HOWEVER, THAT PRESS EXAGGERATED POSSIBILITY OF
BRAZIL-IVORY COAST PRICE DEFENSE COOPERATION, AND
CONTACT STRESSED THAT IN FACT DISCUSSIONS ALONG THIS
LINE WERE SUPERFICIAL.

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3. BRA KANNON ALSO REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED WITH CALMON
DE SA AND PAULINELLI BRAZILIAN ASSISTANCE (INCLUDING
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) FOR THE EXPANSION OF SOY CULTIVATION
IN THE IVORY COAST. BRA KANNON EXTENDED AN OFFICIAL
INVITATION TO PAULINELLI TO VISIT THE IVORY COAST.

4. IN ADDITION TO HIS CONTACTS IN THE ECONOMIC

AREA, BRA KANNON CALLED ON GOB FOREIGN MINISTER SIL-
VEIRA, WHO PRESENTED HIM WITH THE GREAT CROSS OF THE
ORDER OF RIO BRANCO "IN RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBU-
TION TO GROWING UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE
IVORY COAST." BRA KANNON REMARKED ON THIS OCCASION
THAT HIS VISIT TO BRAZIL SHOWED THAT THE JUNE 1977
CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT IN THE IVORY COAST HAD NO
EFFECT ON BRAZIL-IVORY COAST RELATIONS.
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